

***Remarks***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-6 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1-6 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

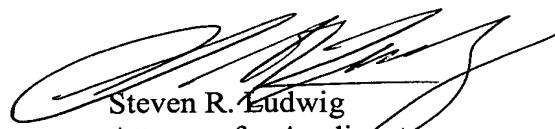
Support for the amendments to claims 1-6 is found, *inter alia*, in the originally-filed claims. The claims have been amended to comply with U.S. patent law and to remove multiple dependent claims.

***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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